REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 remain pending. By the foregoing amendment, claim 5 has been

canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of

claim 6 of U.S. Patent 5,705,500. By the foregoing amendment, claim 5 has been canceled and,

therefore, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-

type double patenting over claims 1-5 and 7-12 of U.S. Patent 5,705,500. Claims 1 and 6-11

stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over

claims 1-3 and 8 of U.S. Patent 6,169,085. A terminal disclaimer over the '500 and '085 patents

(as well as over related U.S. Patents 5,985,870 and 6,380,188) is submitted concurrently

herewith, which is believed to obviate these grounds of rejection.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting

rejections, and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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